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For: A PIXEL BASED MACHINE FOR PATTERNED WAFERS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, within the shortened statutory period extended by one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

26. (New) A method of analyzing the surface of a semiconductor wafer comprising:
illuminating a portion of the surface of the semiconductor wafer with light;
detecting light scattered by the illuminated portion of the surface of said semiconductor wafer as individual pixel signatures;
evaluating said pixel signatures according to a predetermined criterion;
discriminating between valid and at least one of suspect and defective pixels.
27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein a plurality of pixels is illuminated and checked concurrently.

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